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SUBJ: UAEG COMMENTS ON SADAT TRIP TO GULF

1. ACCORDING TO PETROLEUM MINISTER OTAIBA, SADAT DURING HIS MEETING WITH SHAIKH ZAYED SPENT MUCH TIME COMPLAINING ABOUT SYRIANS AND PALESTINIANS. ZAYED ADVISED HIM "TO BE PATIENT" WITH THEM, NOT TO BE DRAWN INTO PUBLIC ATTACKS AGAINST THEM, AND NOT TO ALLOW THEM TO DERAIL HIM FROM PURSUIT OF HIS CHOSEN STRATEGY. BOTH FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI AND OTAIBA IN THEIR COMMENTS TO ME PAST FEW DAYS ON SADAT VISIT HAVE INDICATED AWARENESS OF IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR SADAT.

2. HOWEVER, UAEG ALSO REMAINS HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO BEING PUT IN POSITION OF TAKING SIDES BETWEEN EGYPT AND SYRIA. SUWAIDI'S DEPUTY GHUBBASH TOLD ME YESTERDAY THAT FOLLOWING HIS PRESENT TRIP TO SAUDI ARABIA (TO ATTEND MEETING OF ARAB ORGANIZATION FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION) FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD PROBABLY GO TO DAMASCUS TO "EXPLAIN" RESULTS SADAT MISSION. GHUBBASH SAID IT WOULD NOT SURPRISE HIM

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IF SUWAIDI TRIP RESULTED IN NEW UAE ECONOMIC AID COMMITMENTS TO SYRIA

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